

## Activity: Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

### Activity Summary

Program Component	FY 2004 Enacted	FY 2005 Estimate	FY 2006			Change From 2005 (+/-)
			Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	Budget Request	
Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures	32,592	29,583	0	-14,583	15,000	-14,583
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>32,592</b>	<b>29,583</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-14,583</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>-14,583</b>
<i>Total FTE Requirements</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>0</i>

### Authorization

16 U.S.C. 470

National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended.

### Mission Overview

The Save America's Treasures program supports the National Park Service goal to provide educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people through partnerships with other federal, state, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations. This goal contributes to the Departmental goal to protect the Nation's natural, cultural, and heritage resources.

### FY 2006 Base Program Overview

The Save America's Treasures program provides grants to preserve nationally significant heritage resources. By preserving important assets such as buildings, films, books, and records, the program enables the long-term conservation of America's cultural heritage.

Save America's Treasures (SAT) funding is used to support projects to preserve irreplaceable monuments of American heritage for future generations, and to make them more accessible to scholars and the public through exhibits, traditional publications, and Internet websites. Projects include the preservation of historic buildings, districts, archeological sites, papers, books, records, films, art, sculpture, statues, and any other intellectual expression representing the significant achievement of American culture. These projects may feature conservation of individual historical and museum objects; collections of American paintings or photographs; the writings of a famous American author, playwright, or songwriter; and individual historic buildings, or archeological sites of national significance.



*Save America's Treasures Grant Recipient:  
Little Rock Central High School NHS*

The story of historic preservation in America is one of public-private partnership. With each partner contributing its share, the Nation's irreplaceable heritage can survive to enrich future generations. The Save America's Treasures Grants program began in 1999 to mark the beginning of the new millennium.

Grant applications are evaluated for the significance of the property or collection, the degree of threat it faces, whether the proposed work is critical to preserving the property or collection, the appropriateness of the proposed budget, and the likely availability of the required non-Federal matching share. Private partners, including the National Trust for Historic Preservation, help to raise non-Federal matching shares for these Federal grants.

Grants have been awarded in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. Approximately 70 percent of the grants have been awarded to historic structures and 30 percent to museum collections. Grant recipients have ranged from the Arts and Crafts style Gamble House in Pasadena, California, to the Officers' Quarters of Fort Concho in West Texas, and from the 1777-78 Continental Army Winter Encampment Structures at Valley Forge NHP, to the St. Louis Civil Court Records documenting westward expansion during the territorial and early statehood period of 1790-1830.

Grants are administered by the National Park Service along with the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities.

Program features:

- Grants awarded competitively.
- 50:50 matching share requirement.
- Each project is only eligible for one-time competitive funding from this program.
- Qualification standards – projects must:
  - Be of national significance.
  - Achieve a significant effect in preserving the resource.
  - Be endangered or demonstrate urgent need.
  - Be proposed by an organization that has shown a capability to successfully complete the project in a cost-effective and professional manner. Federal agencies are also eligible to participate.

Program accomplishments to date (totals from FY 1999 through FY 2004):

- 2,038 grant applications received (total of \$930 million requested).
- 659 grants awarded totaling \$186.2 million (295 earmarked projects; 364 competitive grants).
- 70 percent for historic structure repairs; 30 percent museum collection or archives conservation.
- Largest award: \$3 million to preserve the Star Spangled Banner.
- All States have received at least one Save America's Treasures grant.

**Use of Cost and Performance Information:** Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

From 1999 to 2004, 659 Save America's Treasures grants totaling more than \$186 million have been awarded. In addition, more than \$240 million in non-Federal matching shares have been leveraged, more than doubling the amount invested in preserving our nation's most significant heritage. The SAT grants program is a highly visible program directed at preserving America's most significant historic properties and collections.

① Find more information online about Save America's Treasures grants, including details of individual awards, at [www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures](http://www2.cr.nps.gov/treasures).

**FY 2004 Program Performance Accomplishments**

- \$32.6 million appropriated.
- 390 grant applications received requesting \$156 million
- 159 grants in 41 States awarded.
- 390 previously awarded grants remain active and are in the process of performing work.

The following examples illustrate the broad scope of accomplishments the Save America's Treasures program achieved in FY 2004:

Collection: Between 1912 and 1932, philanthropist Julius Rosenwald constructed nearly 5,000 schools for African-American children across the South. A grant of \$65,000 to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, will conserve and provide archival storage for the Rosenwald Negro Rural Schools Photograph Collection, which documents the schools and their communities.

**Building:** A \$450,000 grant to the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency will repair the boardinghouse in the town of Locke, California. Founded in 1915, Locke is a large, intact rural Chinese-American community and a National Historic Landmark.

**Building:** The Fort Davis National Historic Site is a frontier fort established in 1854 to guard the road from San Antonio to El Paso, which was part of the southern overland emigrants' route to California. One of the most intact western forts, it is a National Historic Landmark and a unit of the national park system. The \$200,000 matching grant will be used to repair the deteriorated adobe post hospital.

**Sculpture:** Louise Nevelson, a prominent 20<sup>th</sup>-century American artist, used Cor-Ten (weathering steel) to construct the monumental sculpture *Atmosphere and Environment XII*. The Fairmount Park Art Association in Philadelphia, PA, will use this \$100,000 grant to conserve the severely corroded sculpture.

**Structure:** The Schoharie Creek Aqueduct in Fort Hunter is one of the most significant engineering marvels on the National Historic Landmark Erie Canal. This \$365,000 grant to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation will stabilize the remaining six arches of the aqueduct.

### FY 2005 Planned Program Performance

- \$14.8 million for 83 congressionally earmarked projects in 34 States and the District of Columbia will be awarded.
- An additional \$14.8 million will be competitively awarded to approximately 60 projects selected from among an estimated 400 grant applications.
- 500 previously awarded grants will continue to be monitored for compliance with grant conditions, and technical assistance will be provided to grantees and applicants.

### Justification of FY 2006 Budget Request for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

Request Component	\$ Amount	FTE
FY 2005 Budget Estimate	29,583	4
Programmatic Changes		
• Reduce Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures	-14,583	0
<b>TOTAL, Program Changes</b>	<b>-14,583</b>	<b>0</b>
Uncontrollable Changes	No Change	0
<b>FY 2006 Budget Request</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>4</b>
Net Change	-14,583	0

The FY 2006 budget request for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures is \$15.0 million and 4 FTE, a net program decrease of \$14.583 million from the 2005 enacted level.

### Reduce Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures: -\$14.583 million

The Administration is proposing a decrease for Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures of \$14.583 million in order to support higher priority programs that are a Federal responsibility. Matching grants for the Save America's Treasures program are used to address the ongoing need to protect and preserve our Nation's patrimony for future generations. The current FY 2005 appropriation level of \$29.583 million provides grants to approximately 150 projects involving nationally significant properties or collections owned by Federal agencies, nonprofit organizations, or State, tribal, and local governments. The proposed \$15 million in FY 2006 funding for Save America's Treasures preservation grants would result in the preservation or conservation of approximately 85 nationally significant properties or collections.

### Performance Summary Table: Grants-in-Aid to Save America's Treasures

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